



BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN
ON MONDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2004 AT 3.30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor D.T. Davies - Chairman
Councillor D.G. Carter - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

H.A. Andrews, A.G. Higgs, Mrs. D. Price

Together with:

Mr. I. Hill (Bargoed Chamber of Trade), K. Jones & Mrs. M. Sparey (local residents)

R. Tanner (Strategic Planning and Urban Renewal Manager), A. Highway (Town Centre Development Manager), P.A. Hotchkiss (Licensing Officer), Mrs. M. Godfrey (Environmental Health Officer), E. Gibbs (Principal Officer -Traffic Management), R. Campbell (Senior Assistant Engineer – Traffic Management), L. Williams (Assistant Engineer -Traffic Management), C. Nesling (Community Safety Control Room Supervisor), R. Murphy (Communities First Co-ordinator) and S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor E.K. Griffiths and K.V. Reynolds; Community Councillors I. Hughes and L. Harding (Bargoed Town Council); Mr J. Cooper (local resident); Inspector Childs (Gwent Police); B. Morgan and I. MacVicar (CCBC).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2004 were approved as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

- **Design Study**

Mr. Tanner gave an update on progress with the design study. The consultants appointed

to undertake the study, Camlin Longsdale, had been carrying out interviews with interested parties and it was anticipated that they would produce their draft report towards the end of February 2005.

- **Petition**

A petition was presented to the Chairman on behalf of local residents requesting that the Council take action to control the opening hours of Best Kebabs.

Discussion ensued on the issue and the petition was subsequently passed to Maria Godfrey, Environmental Health Officer.

- **By-Pass**

It was reported that the funding had been made available for the scheme, which was due to commence in 2006.

- **Party in the Park**

It was noted that whilst the Council would be unable to provide funding towards the event, expertise would be available from various sections within the Council i.e. Tourism and Economic Development, to help with the staging of the event.

- **CCTV**

Carl Nesling, Community Safety Control Room Supervisor, advised that the cameras were monitored 24 hours a day and that any incidents picked up by the cameras were referred to the Police.

Discussion ensued on response times and Members of the Management Group were invited to visit the control room to view the operation.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003

Paul Hotchkiss, Licensing Officer, attended the meeting to outline the purpose and implications of the Act and to respond to issues raised in this connection from members of the Management Group.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hotchkiss for his informative presentation.

5. COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT UPDATE

Roger Tanner, Strategic Planning and Urban Renewal Manager, advised that the following properties had recently been grant aided and were either under construction or nearing completion: -

- 1 Heolddu Road – works under construction.
- “Young at Heart” premises – works under construction.
- Former Woodley’s Butcher Shop – complete.
- 4 High Street – complete.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Andrew Highway referred to a meeting he had recently had with Adrian Crabb, the Council’s Facilities Officer and the current market operator to discuss the future of the market.

- Roger Tanner advised that work on the provision of the three new crossings in the High Street would commence early in the New Year.
- Attention was drawn to the condition of the surface of the road through the town centre.
- The feasibility of allocating resources towards the implementation of an action plan to complement the by-pass was raised.

Mr. Tanner advised that the Management Group would have the opportunity of commenting on the consultants' draft proposals in the New Year.

The Chairman thanked all those in attendance for their contribution to the meeting and wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.